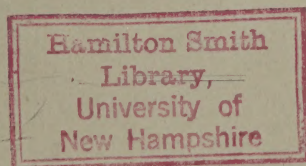


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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Marlborough, respectfully submit the following financial report for the year ending March 1, 1878:

APRIL INVOICE, 1877.

Resident real estate,	\$310,897 00
Non-resident real estate,	11,967 00
Mills and machinery,	53,850 00
Stock in trade,	20,690 00
Money at interest,	10,665 00
Stock in banks,	6,800 00
Lumber,	1,850 00
301 polls,	30,100 00
193 horses,	13,187 00
408 cattle,	14,287 00
229 sheep,	580 00
34 carriages,	2,388 00
7 hogs,	60 00
81 dogs, male,	81 00
9 dogs, female,	18 00
Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars,	1 50
Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars for school-house tax in District No. 2,	75
Rate per cent. for highway tax, paid in labor,	40

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	\$1,368 00
County tax,	1,100 74
Town charges,	3,000 00
Schools,	1,256 05

School-house taxes,	\$2,201 74
Non-resident highway,	47 86
Ministerial fund,	33 33
Surplusage on the above taxes,	163 75
Dog tax,	99 00
Amount committed to collector,	<u>\$9,270 47</u>

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS, INCLUDING FUNDS.

District No. 1, Isaac W. Holbrook,	\$ 93 43
“ 2, Luther Hemenway,	660 05
“ 3, Frank B. Lovering,	121 86
“ 4, William C. Mason,	94 95
“ 5, Charles M. Miller,	104 53
“ 6, Samuel Jones,	91 74
“ 7, John McRoy,	103 53
“ 8, Ivory E. Gates,	149 80
To Jaffrey,	3 70
To Harrisville,	2 45
	<u>\$1,426 04</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Levi A. Fuller, Selectman for 1877,	\$100 00
Luther Hemenway, “ “	90 00
Daniel W. Tenney, “ “	80 00
George G. Davis, Treasurer,	25 00
George G. Davis, Town Clerk,	25 00
Cyrus S. Moors, Collector for 1877,	60 00
Charles Smith, Sup't School Committee,	50 00
Cyrus S. Moors, Police,	1 65
Albert Knowlton, “	3 00
	<u>\$434 65</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Support of Frankie Collins, “	\$ 69 11
“ Mrs. William R. White, (County farm),	172 17
“ “ “ (State asylum),	92 77
Paid Luther Hemenway, expense carrying Mrs. Wm. R. White to Concord,	20 85

Paid Support of Mrs. Charles H. Fisk,	\$6 44
Luther Hemenway, for keeping tramps,	11 33
Daniel W. Tenney, " "	19 33
Levi A. Fuller, feeding "	1 50
John C. Stone, 2d, keeping "	12 00
Albert Knowlton, " "	102 25
Charles Worster, board and funeral expenses of	
Lydia Coburn, for 1877,	8 00
Aid furnished Fred C. Lang,	6 74
" " William Read,	3 23
" " Mrs. McDonald,	17 44
Expenses of Mrs. McDonald and two children	
to Montréal,	15 50
Aid furnished Simon Wilcox,	8 18
Support of Elias Thatcher and wife,	56 00
Medical attendance on Richard Heath,	11 00
Aid furnished Phebe Bean,	9 38
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	\$643 22

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Luther Hemenway, land to build lock-up on,	\$ 15 00
James A. White, building "	210 00
Benjamin F. Merriam, stove, &c., for lock-up,	15 48
Ticking, blankets, &c., for lock-up,	18 41
Luther Hemenway, wood "	6 00
J. Whitney Lawrence, building the reservoir new	
road,	357 48
J. Whitney Lawrence, railing and graveling new	
road,	78 14
Hiram Collins, land damage,	35 00
Cyrus S. Moors, "	15 00
A. T. and E. T. Woodward, work on new road,	12 00
Mowry Thompson, for surveying " "	1 50
George G. Davis, repairs on Town House,	6 75
Luther Hemenway, rep'rs in and around Town House,	5 25
Jairus Collins, for Torrent Engine Co.,	150 00
" " repairing engine,	30 65
" " runners to engine,	34 65
J. Whitney Lawrence, labor on highway, Spring	
of 1877,	44 24

Paid Albert Knowlton, labor on highway, Spring of '77,	\$7 60
Albert G. Mann, stone,	9 20
Daniel Towne, filling railroad cut,	32 50
Frank B. Lovering, labor on highway, Spring of '77,	2 13
Levi A. Fuller, " " " "	30
Henry L. Wiswall, 2 bridge stringers,	16 00
Osgood R. Wiswall, bridge plank,	20 54
Daniel W. Roby, " "	55 77
Levi A. Fuller, sawing " "	3 26
Stillman Woodward, breaking road, Spring of 1875-6-7,	4 00
John M. Davis, breaking road, Spring of 1876-7,	5 00
Alfred F. Clark, " " " 1877,	2 40
George A. Nutting, " " " "	16 00
Charles M. Jones, " " " 1878,	11 74
William C. Mason, " " " "	2 50
Isaac A. Davis, damage crossing mowing, 1876,	5 00
Mrs. Mary Buss, for public watering place, 1876-7,	6 00
Elijah Gates, " " " 1877,	3 00
Levi A. Fuller, " " " "	3 00
William C. Mason, " " " "	3 00
F. Faulkner, retaining fee, 1877,	6 00
Cost of indictment on Troy road,	20 14
Morse, (Troy,) damage to carriage,	5 00
Artemas Richardson, bank wall,	30 00
Noble Fisk, ministerial fund,	11 11
George G. Davis, ministerial fund,	11 11
Russell Bixby, ministerial fund,	11 11
Chas Capron, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
Luther Hemenway, expenses to Boston,	6 35
Expenses taking invoice,	3 00
Eli B. Knowlton, tolling bell,	1 00
Charles Smith, school notices,	2 00
Recording deed,	55
Town reports, 1876,	48 00
Town Officer,	2 35
Affidavit blanks,	3 00
Collector's book, invoice books, &c.,	6 99
Stationery,	3 56

Non-resident highway taxes, paid in labor,	\$23 67
Abatement of taxes for 1877,	93 65
Discount on taxes for 1877,	727 02
Bounty on twenty-five foxes,	12 50
Bounty on five hawks,	1 00
State tax,	1,368 00
County tax,	1,100 74
School-house tax in District No. 2,	2,101 55
School-house tax to Harrisville,	1 49
Town Bonds,	4,636 00
Coupons on same,	1,174 26
George G. Davis, non-resident highway tax,	23 67
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	\$12,684 31

Amount of highway tax committed to the Highway Surveyors,
as follows :

Amos A. Mason,	\$121 50
Isaac A. Davis,	53 37
Merrill Mason,	52 03
George Thatcher,	157 93
Amasa Fuller, Jr.,	113 11
Agustus T. Woodward,	255 17
George A. Nutting,	90 05
Charles M. Jones,	57 66
Charles Miller,	93 29
David S. Derby,	134 63
Ivory E. Gates,	161 06
Ansel L. Nye,	87 67
John M. Davis,	48 93
Wilber F. Wallace,	56 80
Daniel Towne,	49 78
John McRoy,	76 32
Frank H. Harvey,	69 84
Osgood R. Wiswall,	144 00
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	\$1,823 14

RECAPITULATION.

Amount appropriated for schooling,	\$1,426 04
Town officers' bills for 1877,	434 65
Support of poor,	643 22
Miscellaneous,	12,684 31
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	\$15,188 22

MONEY PAID INTO THE TREASURY.

Taxes assessed in 1877,	\$9,270 47
Savings bank tax received,	1,336 15
Railroad “	60 67
Literary fund received,	103 20
Rec'd for town bonds sold,	435 00
Cash rec'd for interest on taxes,	53 92
“ County, support poor,	180 28
“ Elijah Boyden, town hall agent,	426 48
“ Charles Ryan, back taxes,	1,750 00
Note and interest received for back taxes,	577 30
Interest received on money on deposit,	93 72
“ “ Charles Clapp, taxes,	13 00
Cash rec'd for old stringer,	1 00
“ D. K. Healey, rent of books,	16 20
“ Taxes of 1874, '75, and '76,	906 97
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	\$15,224 36

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1878.

Cash in treasury,	\$1,426 25
Note “ in favor of town,	577 30
Balance of taxes outstanding for 1875,	87 20
“ “ “ 1876,	256 48
“ “ “ 1877,	780 79
Due on rent of Town House,	75 00
Value of liquor on hand,	218 80
Value of bridge plank on hand,	70 00
Due from County for support of poor, by estimation,	116 47
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	\$3,608 29

LIABILITIES OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1878.

Total amount due on town bonds,	15,311 64
“ “ coupons, by estimation,	148 76
Due for support Mrs. W. R. White at State asylum,	
by estimation,	16 00
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	\$15,476 40
Assets subtracted,	3,608 29
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Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1878,	\$11,868 11
Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1877,	\$13,231 41
“ “ “ 1878,	11,868 11
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Reduction of debt the past year,	\$1,363 30

REPORT OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1878.

Town house,	\$9,000 00
Engine house,	800 00
Engine and fixtures,	1,200 00
Lock-up,	250 00
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	\$11,250 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LEVI A. FULLER,

LUTHER HEMENWAY,

D. W. TENNEY,

Selectmen of Marlborough.

In accordance with our duty as Town Auditors, for the year ending March 1, 1878, we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen for the current year, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

B. F. MERRIAM,

MARTIN CHASE,

JOSEPH M. RICHARDSON,

Auditors.

Marlborough, N. H., March 2, 1878.

TOWN HALL BUILDING.

REPORT OF ELIJAH BOYDEN, AGENT FROM MARCH 1, 1877,
TO MARCH 1, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

1877.			
Mar. 9.	Rec'd from Assembly,		\$4 00
13.	" Sugar Festival,		2 00
23.	" Assembly,		4 00
Apr. 11.	" "		4 00
16.	" Methodist Society,		4 00
May 18.	" Soldiers' Dramatic Club,		8 00
June 1.	" George G. Davis,		75 00
28.	" Methodist Festival,		2 00
July 2.	" E. S. Baldwin,		37 50
Aug. 29.	" " "		37 50
Sept. 1.	" George G. Davis,		75 00
15.	" Capt. Thomas,		8 00
16.	" Prof. Dunn,		4 00
24.	" " "		4 00
Oct. 4.	" Prof. Williams,		2 00
17.	" Methodist Levee,		12 00
Nov. 20.	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,		6 00
21.	" Keene Amateur Orchestra,		3 00
20.	" Prof. Gokey's Minstrels,		4 00
29.	" Reform Club,		2 00
Dec. 1.	" George G. Davis,		75 00
14.	" E. S. Baldwin,		37 50
17.	" E. S. Champney,		3 00
21.	" Assembly,		3 00
31.	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,		5 00
1878.			
Jan. 11.	" Assembly,		3 00
17.	" Universalist Levee,		12 00
24.	" Reform Club,		3 00
25.	" Assembly,		3 00

Feb. 8.	Received from Assembly,	\$3 00
15.	" Scholars, District No. 2,	4 00
18.	" Oriental Favorites,	4 00
23.	" Reform Club,	5 00
27.	" Assembly,	3 00
Mar. 1.	" Tenney & Buss,	5 00
1.	" George G. Davis,	75 00
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		\$541 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

1877.

Apr. 11.	Paid A. A. Adams, steps,	\$1 00
June 1.	" 4 galls. kerosene oil, 45c.,	1 80
1.	" 4½ " " 38c.,	1 71
1.	" A. Knowlton, care of hall,	21 00
July 5.	" Town Treasurer,	100 00
Sept. 1.	" " "	100 00
1.	" 3 galls. kerosene oil, 33½c.,	1 00
1.	" Slatting roof,	3 00
1.	" A. Knowlton, care of hall,	8 00
Nov. 16.	" F. Lang, sawing wood,	1 25
16.	" 216 feet wood, at \$4.25 per cord,	7 16
Dec. 1.	" 13 galls. kerosene oil, 33c.,	4 29
1.	" Lamp chimneys	30
1.	" Getting in wood,	50
1.	" A. Knowlton, care of hall,	25 00
14.	" Town Treasurer,	100 00

1878.

Feb. 21.	" 17-16 cord wood, \$4,	5 75
Mar. 1.	" 12 galls. kerosene oil, 33c.,	3 96
1.	" Lamp chimneys,	30
1.	" A. Knowlton, care of hall,	24 00
1.	" My own services,	5 00
1.	" Town Treasurer,	126 48
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\$541 50

Due from E. S. Baldwin, rent, 75 00

ELIJAH BOYDEN, *Agent*.

Marlborough, March 1, 1878.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Superintending School Committee of Marlborough respectfully submit to the citizens the following Report of the Schools for the year ending March 12, 1878.

Your Committee has endeavored according to the best of his ability to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties incumbent upon him as Superintending School Committee, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the constitution, and the laws of the State.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Prudential Committee, Isaac W. Holbrook.

There was but one term of school in this District, which was in the Fall, under the instruction of Miss Nellie M. Avery of Ashburnham, Mass., a teacher of considerable experience and who succeeded admirably in having a good school. Good order and discipline was observed, and the pupils evidently made good progress in their various branches of study. A good number of parents and friends of education were present at the closing examination, which proved very interesting and instructive. Number of scholars, 8.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Prudential Committee, Luther Hemenway.

The Primary Department, Summer Term, was in charge of Miss Irene L. Harrington, a teacher of large experience, who had taught four terms previously in this department with marked success. She succeeded as usual in having a good school. Good order prevailed during the term. Singing as usual received special attention. The closing examination proved the faithfulness of the teacher and good improvement by the pupils. Number of scholars, 48.

The Fall Term of this Department was in charge of the same teacher, Miss Harrington, who fully sustained her former reputation as possessing a remarkable faculty for governing a large school of small children. A large number of visitors was in attendance at the closing examination, which gave good satisfaction to all concerned. Number of scholars, 51.

The Intermediate Department, Summer Term, was under the instruction of Miss Ella R. Bickford, of Winchendon, Mass., who had taught one term before in this department. She appeared very ambitious to have a good school and succeeded admirably. Your committee visited the school several times and always found it under good discipline. Miss Bickford is evidently an excellent teacher. The scholars improved their time and consequently made good advancement in their studies. Number of scholars, 26.

The Winter Term of this Department was in charge of the same teacher, Miss Bickford, who as usual had a good school. Thoroughness characterized her instruction, and her influence upon the school was refining and elevating. She spared no efforts in the interests of her pupils, and she won their love and esteem, as was evident at close of the school. The progress in Arithmetic and Geography was excellent, and reflected much credit on the school. A good number were in attendance at the closing examination, notwithstanding the prevalence of a fearful blowing snow storm. Mr. Henry C. Tenney of South Orange, Mass., was present and made an excellent speech. Number of scholars, 49.

The Grammar Department, Summer Term, was under the supervision of Miss Nellie M. Atwood, a teacher of large experience, who had taught five terms before in this district with good success. Good order prevailed during the term. The teacher won the love and confidence of all her pupils and succeeded in having an excellent school. The closing examination proved that the pupils had improved their time and consequently made good advancement in their various studies. Number of scholars, 37.

The Winter Term of this Department was in charge of Prof. D. W. McKeen of South Acworth, who came well recommended by those who knew his gifts, acquirements and success

in teaching, and who in an eminent degree commanded the confidence and respect of his pupils. Before the term was half through it was reported that the order in this school was not good, consequently your committee visited the school and found it very quiet and orderly. This school was opened mornings by singing songs out of Gospel Hymns and Sacred Songs by the scholars, accompanied by instrumental music, and the teacher reading a chapter in the Bible, and the teacher and scholars repeating the Lord's prayer together, which undoubtedly had a good influence on the school. During the term a class of twenty-four pupils was formed in History, who took a deep interest in this study, and made remarkable good progress. This study is too much neglected in our schools. Algebra and Astronomy received due attention, also map drawing received special notice, and some very excellent maps were drawn by Belle Tenney, Ida M. Emerson, Carrie J. Baldwin, Flora E. Hunt, Willie W. Tenney, Arthur E. Emerson, Frank E. Mason, and David P. Wood. Two hours Saturday forenoons was devoted exclusively by the teacher and scholars to writing, and good advancement was made. Comparatively few engage in teaching with such a happy union of qualities for their work. The pupils were convinced that in him they had an instructor worthy of their respect and confidence. A large amount of work was accomplished during the term, which was evident at the closing examination, which was thronged with parents and friends of education, who appeared well satisfied with the results of the school. Able and interesting remarks were made by Rev. Noble Fisk, Rev. J. L. Merrill, Mr. Luther Hemenway, Mr. Mowrey A. Thompson, and Mr. Charles Mason. Number of scholars, 53.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Prudential Committee, Frank B. Lovering.

The Summer Term was in charge of Miss Emma J. Chase, who appeared quite ambitious to excel in her avocation. The order and discipline of this school was very good. The teacher won the love and respect of her pupils, and took a deep interest in their welfare. The closing examination proved conclusively that the scholars had improved their time, and consequently made good advancement in their various branches of study. Number of scholars, 17.

The Fall Term was under the instruction of Miss Ella R. Bickford, who had taught three terms in this district with marked success. Good order prevailed during the term. A large number of parents were present at the closing examination, which proved satisfactory to your Committee. Number of scholars, 19.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Prudential Committee, William C. Mason.

The Summer Term was in charge of Miss Emma E. Whitney of Gardner, Mass., who was well qualified to teach in our schools. She took a deep interest in the welfare of her pupils, and won their love and confidence. Good order was preserved during the term. This school was quite small, consequently the teacher had ample time to assist the scholars in their studies. Number of scholars, 6.

The Fall Term was under the instruction of the same teacher. Some of the boys were inclined to disregard the good order which is absolutely requisite to a good school, consequently their parents took them out of school. The recitations in Arithmetic and Geography, at the closing examination, were excellent, and indicated close attention to study. The teacher displayed a good deal of ambition to have a good school, and she was not disappointed in her efforts, as the closing examination evidently proved the school to be successful. Number of scholars in attendance, 10.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Prudential Committee, Chas. M. Miller.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Minnie S. Knight, of Harrisville, a teacher of small experience, but notwithstanding, was successful in having a good school. Good order prevailed, and the scholars evinced great interest in their studies, and consequently, made good advancement. The closing examination reflected credit on both teacher and scholars.

The Fall Term was in charge of the same teacher, Miss Knight. The school was somewhat larger this term, and a greater degree of enthusiasm was evidently manifested. Writing, too often neglected in our schools, received due attention. The recitations in Geography and Arithmetic at the closing examination gave conclusive evidence of the faithfulness of the teacher, and that the pupils had improved their time. Number of scholars, 10.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Prudential Committee, Samuel Jones.

There was but one term of school in this District during the year, which was in the Fall, under the instruction of Miss S. Lizzie Green, of Keene, who had taught two terms in this District with good success. She possessed a remarkable faculty for winning the love and confidence of her pupils, which, in a Primary School, is one of the first requisites to success. Due attention was paid to pronunciation, accent, and emphasis, in reading, which is too often neglected in our schools. Miss Green is a thorough grammarian, and capable of teaching in some of our largest schools. This school was the smallest in town, consequently the teacher had ample time to assist her pupils in all their studies, so that it was obvious at the closing examination that good progress had been made in all the branches of study pursued. The school-house in this District is a disgrace to the town. The windows are so high that the scholars cannot look out, which makes it very unpleasant. Number of scholars, 4.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Prudential Committee, John McRoy.

The Summer Term was in charge of Miss Helen Hardy, who had taught one term before in this District. She took a deep interest in teaching the small scholars, and manifested a genial and pleasant appearance, which won the love and respect of her pupils. We regret that some of the parents allowed their children to stay at home part of the term unnecessarily, because they disliked some of the scholars. This we consider wrong, as children should receive the benefit of the entire term. Your committee visited the school several times during the term, and invariably found good order, and attention to study. The closing examination indicated that the pupils had made commendable progress in their various studies. Number of scholars, 11.

The Fall Term was under the instruction of Miss Lizzie C. Moors, a teacher of considerable energy and ambition, and who commenced the school with the determination to have a good school, and succeeded admirably. Comparatively few engage in teaching with such a happy union of qualities for their work. She spared no efforts in the interests of her pupils. Special care was given that those who acquire less rap-

idly should not be behind in an understanding of the lessons of their class. Thoroughness characterized her instruction, and her influence upon the school was refining and elevating. Good order and discipline prevailed during the term, which is absolutely requisite to success in any school. Spelling and Writing, which is too much neglected in our schools, received special attention. The recitations in Geography and Arithmetic, at the closing examination, were of a superior order, and reflected much credit on the school. A large number of parents and friends of education were present at the examination, which proved conclusively the faithfulness of the teacher and the studiousness of the pupils; the results of which were good advancement and a profitable school. Number of scholars, 11.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Prudential Committee, Ivory E. Gates.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Clara E. Hardy, a teacher of large experience, who had taught before in this District. The pupils made good progress under her instruction, and the term proved a profitable one. We consider Miss Hardy one of our best teachers, and hope she will continue for a long time to teach in our schools. At the close of the term a large number of parents were in attendance to witness the examination, which gave good satisfaction to all present. Number of scholars in attendance, 21.

The Fall and Winter Term was under the supervision of Miss Flora M. Blodgett, who appeared well qualified for her work. The scholars took a deep interest in their studies, and improved their time to the best advantage, and consequently made good advancement. Classes in History and Arithmetic were of a superior order. Commendable progress was made in Geography and Grammar, and special attention was given to Reading and Spelling, which does not usually receive that attention which its importance demands. The teacher appeared ambitious, and brought to her aid a well-disciplined mind, an even temper, and a dignity which secured the respect and obedience of her pupils. The exercises in all the branches were highly commendable, both to teachers and scholars. Your committee visited the school six times during

the sixteen weeks, and always found good order in the school room. Number of scholars in attendance, 25.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

The Prudential Committees have been very fortunate in the selection of so able and efficient teachers, to which is attributed the success of our schools. It is advisable when we have good teachers to continue them from term to term if possible, as scholars will make greater advancement than to change teachers every term.

CONSOLIDATION.

The number of schools in town can undoubtedly be diminished without detriment to the scholars, and thus lessen our expenditures, have longer terms of schools, and consequently improve them. All the scholars in Districts Nos. 4, 5 and 6, are less than twenty-five, which would make only a decent school. There were thirty-nine weeks of school in these Districts this year. If these three Districts were consolidated into one, and drew one-half the money they now draw, it would be a decided improvement. It would give the school nearly twenty weeks, or two terms of some nine or ten weeks each, and be much pleasanter for the teacher than to be obliged to spend the school hours with four or five scholars, as is the case in District No. 6. We submit these suggestions to the selectmen for their consideration.

During the three years we have been on the School Committee, two new series of text books have been introduced into our schools, "Monroe's Readers," and "White's Series of Arithmetics," both of which have given general satisfaction. Quackenboss' Elementary History of the United States has been studied quite extensively in Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 8. It should be used in every school. There is a sad deficiency of maps, charts and dictionaries in our schools. There should be a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary in every school, and belong to the District, also maps, charts and globes. We hope this important matter will not be overlooked by our Prudential Committees for 1878.

In regard to engaging teachers, it is safer to employ those

who are known than those who are strangers. In the best schools in New England, and in several of the Western States, teachers are engaged by the year, and continued from year to year. We trust this subject will receive the careful attention of Prudential Committees, and thus secure the services of competent and faithful teachers, and continue to employ them, not changing for insufficient reasons.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES SMITH,
Superintending School Committee.

